

## "CASE IS SERIOUS," SAYS PROSECUTOR OF EATON MYSTERY

Makes First Statement Bearing on the Sudden Death of Rear-Admiral.

STILL SEEK EVIDENCE.

Police Make Round of Drug Stores in Two Towns—Doctor Again Sees Mrs. Eaton.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
ROCKLAND, Mass., March 14.—District Attorney Barker today made the first statement throwing any light on the Eaton case that he is known to have uttered since the death of the Admiral. Talking with a personal friend he said: "This is a very serious case."

Dr. Joseph Frame of Brockton was called today to attend Mrs. Joseph Eaton, widow of Rear-Admiral Eaton. Mrs. Eaton's mother, Mrs. George Harrison, also is ill, but the nature of the ailments of the two women is as closely guarded as the supposed grounds for the suspicion that the Admiral died of poisoning.

Mrs. Eaton and her mother, Mrs. George Harrison, have been interrogated at great length by the State police working on the case.

District Attorney Barker is still awaiting the report of the chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach which was removed from the body of Admiral Eaton at the autopsy Saturday.

Police officials made the rounds of the drug stores in the city and Rockland, which gave color to the report that Admiral Eaton had taken a heart depressant to relieve the pain from an attack of acute indigestion to which cause death was originally attributed.

## DEAF MUTE CONTESTS FATHER'S WILL THAT GIVES SISTER \$70,000

Story Shows How a Little Investment in Bronx Grew Into a Fortune.

Something of the way The Bronx has "grown up" in the past few years was forcibly brought out in the Surrogate's Court today when evidence was produced showing that the late Thomas S. Ryan, a clerk in the Bronx Borough Tax Department, amassed \$70,000 by investing his savings, years ago, in a little cottage and a few vacant lots in the Westchester section, and then "letting them" while the borough grew.

This object lesson in New York City real estate was part of the evidence in the contest before Surrogate Fowler of Ryan's will by his son, Robert Ryan. The will was probated several months ago by Surrogate Fowler because at that time there was no opposition.

Robert Ryan's attorney, Warren Leslie, of No. 106 Broadway, said his client was a deaf mute, and though thirty-nine years old, was "as simple as a child."

Under the will Robert received only the income from \$10,000 while the daughter, Mrs. J. Warren Clark, got \$70,000 outright.

The attorney explained that Robert Ryan signed a waiver of citation when the will was probated without understanding its significance. The income from the \$10,000 is \$500 a year. Mrs. Clark has already paid him \$250 as an installment.

"And here it is," said Mr. Leslie, taking \$250 in yellow backs from his pocket. He tendered them to Mrs. Clark's attorney, Gustave Gemke, of No. 206 Broadway.

"I wish to reopen this case," Mr. Leslie added. "In open court I will show that the elder Mr. Ryan wrote in a full round hand, while the will that was probated, which, it is alleged, was made on his deathbed, is written in a scrawl."

Mrs. Gemke admitted that Mr. Ryan's trained nurse wrote the will and that Mrs. Clark and the physician witnessed it.

Surrogate Fowler declared that, though he was inclined to believe it was his duty to reopen the case, he would reserve decision and give the attorney a week to file briefs.

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## THE GIRL WHO WORKS AND WINS

Fifth Article of a Series.

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### When One Tries to Raise Her Own Wages

### She Needn't Worry Over Being Underpaid

"SHE MUST HAVE AN AMBITION, AN END IN VIEW AND IF SHE HAS NONE SHE IS LOST."

J. M. G.



"After Working Awhile for \$8 a Week I Realized That I Must Increase My Earning Capacity and Now I Am Getting a Good Salary," Writes "One Who Loves the Working Girl."

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Cash prizes amounting to \$100 will be given for the most helpful letters from REAL WORKING GIRLS on the subject dealt with in this series.

The money will be divided as follows: Two prizes of \$25 each. Five other prizes of \$10 each.

The seven letters which, in Nixola Greeley-Smith's judgment, are best and most helpful will receive these awards.

BY NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

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## AGED BRIDEGROOM PITIABLE OBJECT IN SANITY TEST

Herman L. Walter Unable to Answer Questions and Court Abruptly Ends Hearing.

After a series of extraordinary tests in which the court, the jury and lawyers participated to determine the competency of Herman L. Walter, an aged millionaire carpet manufacturer, Justice Bischoff halted the trial, directed that the broken old man be returned to a sanitarium and adjourned the case until Monday to take the testimony offered to-day under advisement.

The feeble, white-haired man was unable to count the number of jurors in the box and could not identify an umbrella thrust into his hand by a juror. Mr. Walter was brought into court by direction of Justice Bischoff. He came into the room unattended and sat near his bride, who had previously been his housekeeper. Mrs. Walter appeared in opposition to the suit brought by Walter's brother, Morris, of Los Angeles, Cal., to have the bridegroom declared incompetent and a committee named for his big estate.

"How many windows do you see in this court room?" he was asked. "Five, six, seven, eight," replied the witness, without counting the number, which is five.

He gave a pathetic exhibition of feeble mind when asked to give the name and number of the street and number of his house. Asked where he was born his voice was rolled into a series of gutturals.

"What is this I show you?" asked a lawyer, handing Mr. Walter a five-cent piece.

"Very good," came the half-distinctible words.

Justice Bischoff directed the witness to pick up different objects from his desk. In turn the Court named a rubber band, a pencil and a calendar. The witness failed to understand the question. The Court asked if he knew the nature of the proceedings. The witness stared stupidly and the Court ended the trying ordeal.

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